

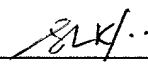
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application before substantive examination as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title line and before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION," please add the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/914827, filed on August 19, 1997, entitled "Novel HIV-Specific Oligonucleotides And Methods Of Their Use."

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is a Continuing Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) claiming priority to prior filed U.S. Application Serial No. 08/914827, filed on August 19, 1997, and entitled, "Novel HIV-Specific Oligonucleotides And Methods Of Their Use" in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred. The Examiner of the prior application was M. Shibuya (Group Art Unit. 1635). The inventor is Sudhir Agrawal and remains the same. No inventors are to be added or deleted in the Continuing Application.

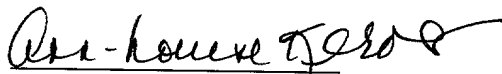
The amendment made in the specification of this application serves to identify the related parent application.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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